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## Third Traffic Fatality of 2023

**Date/Time:** 01/09/23 / 6:17 P.M.

**Location:** 10400 Block of Dyer

**Vehicle 1:** 2020 Silver Nissan Pathfinder

**Driver 1:** Idali Ortiz, 17-year-old Northeast, El Paso TX Resident

**Passenger:** 15-year-old female, Northeast, El Paso TX Resident (**Life threatening injuries**)

**Vehicle 2:** 2013 Silver Ford Focus

**Driver 2:** Edwin Roman, 30-year-old, Northeast El Paso TX Resident (**Deceased**)

**El Paso, Texas** - Special Traffic Investigators responded to the 10400 Block of Dyer. The preliminary investigation revealed Ortiz was traveling northbound on Dyer and entered the left turning lane in order to make a left turn. Roman was traveling southbound on Dyer at a high rate of speed. Ortiz failed to yield the right of way to Roman and caused a T-bone collision between both vehicles. As a result of the collision the Nissan Pathfinder rolled over at least once before coming to a stop. Ortiz, Roman and the 15-year-old female were transported to UMC. Roman and the 15-year-old female both had emergency surgery performed due to life-threatening injuries sustained. Roman unfortunately succumbed to his injuries and the 15-year-old female remains in critical condition.

The main contributing factor in this collision is the driver of the Nissan Pathfinder failing to yield the right of way to the Ford Focus. Speed on the part of Ford Focus is also a factor in the collision. Investigation continues.....

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic fatality compared to 1 at this time in 2022.



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